

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE  
CITY OF WELLS

MARCH 13, 2023

Members present at the Regular Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Billy Petty, Clint Smith, and Eva Alexander. Councilmembers Gordon Cole, and Robert Kalka, were not in attendance.

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Chief Harold Rapsilver, and Roy Shanks.

Visitor(s): Tommy Seymore and Stacy McKnight

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Tony McKnight led the invocation, and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion, and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 13, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight welcomed the visitors; Stacy Seymore signed up to speak to the council. Mr. Seymore asked the council to consider removing the \$100.00 nonpayment fee that was applied to his February water billing due to him not paying his water bill by the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. The council declined to remove the nonpayment fee due to the rules set by the ordinance for all water bills not paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> final due date. This would be unfair to the other customers who have received the same nonpayment fee on their accounts.

The meeting convened from the executive session at 7:11 pm and reconvened from the executive session at 7:24 pm. No action was taken in the executive session portion of the meeting.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion, and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second, ordering the cancelation of the 2023 election. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight discussed the Henson Property with the council. The Mayor will talk to the city attorney as soon as possible to clarify some of the requirements that still need to be met and some things that have been done by previous council members that may conflict with the will requirements. This was a discussion item only; no action was taken.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion, and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the payment of the monthly bills. The motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed the General and Water Sewer Budgets. No action was taken.

**Department Reports:**

**Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:**

The Water System is running well; Roy Shanks addresses the council regarding the water leak fixed on the line past the Dollar General store. The ground tank rehab will start on the first week of April.

Roy will start trying to get the elevated tank to bypass the ground storage tank to allow the customers to keep water and the pressure where we need it. The utility department is mowing and getting the town ready for homecoming at the end of the month.

The sewer plant is running well; the City of Alto has agreed to loan their smoke machine so that we can smoke-test our sewer lines. We will fix any infiltration in the sewer lines to help keep our intake numbers low at the sewer plant.

**Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief:**

Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	1
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	7
Traffic Stops	174
Citations Issued	228

**VFD – Kelly Collins, Fire Chief, and Robert Kalka, Assistant Chief Robert Kalka.**

**No report was for the month of February.**

**City secretary - Melanie Pounds:**

Five (5) customers should have paid for the month resulting in the \$100.00 non-payment fee being applied to their account.

One (1) customer failed to make a full payment for the month resulting in the \$50.00 partial payment fee being applied to their account.

Four (4) customers received the ROW 48 hours after the trash was collected, and these customers received a \$5.00 fee on their next water bill.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion, and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Secretary